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Committee Bill No. 5875

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF SPINAL CORD
INJURIES WHILE DIVING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) Any person or entity that
2 owns, operates or maintains a swimming pool or other body of water
3 where swimming is permitted shall prohibit head-first diving in any
4 area of such pool or body of water where the water is less than eight
5 feet in depth.

6 (b) The use of starting blocks for swimming-related activities shall
7 be limited to competitive swimming events and related training
8 activities overseen by competent personnel.

9 (c) On and after July 1, 2011, any installation of starting blocks for a
10 swimming pool in which competitive swimming occurs shall be in a
11 section of the pool where the water is not less than six feet in depth.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2011	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prevent the occurrence of spinal cord injuries while diving.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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